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United States Attorney Joe W. Stecher and the Lincoln Police Department, Lancaster County Sheriff's Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:
The Honorable Richard G. Kopf, United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska, sentenced Carlos Loverboy Silva to 14 years in federal prison for his role in conspiring to distribute crack cocaine in the Lincoln area. Silva bought and sold up to three ounces of crack at a time. Following completion of his prison term, Silva is ordered to serve five years on supervised release.

Name of Defendant: Carlos Loverboy Silva

AKA: Little Carlos

Age: 22

City of residence: Lincoln

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty):
Conspiracy to distribute cocaine and 50 grams or more of crack (cocaine base)
10 years to life in prison, and/or up to $4,000,000 fine. Not less than five years supervised release, $100 special assessment fee.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Lincoln and eastern Nebraska

Location of Arrest: Lincoln

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: over 500 grams of crack

Others Charged in Same Scheme: Cedric Bluford aka Lil Ced

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: March 1, 2004 through August 31, 2007

       Federal Arrest Date: March 1, 2008

       Date Complaint Issued:

       Indictment Returned Date: February 21, 2008

       Initial Appearance Date: March 4, 2008

       Plea or Trial and Date(s): pled December 8, 2008

       Sentencing Date: March 18, 2009

       Next Court Hearing Type and Date:

Assigned Magistrate Judge: David L. Piester

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: released on conditions

In Continuous Custody Since:

Assigned District Court Judge: Richard G. Kopf

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